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AMENDING THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CORONADO INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL, IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA," APPROVED AUGUST 18, 1941 (55 STAT. 630)

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Mr. O'MAHONEY, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2909]

The Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2909) to amend the act entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of the Coronado International Memorial, in the State of Arizona," approved August 18, 1941 (55 Stat. 630), having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to amend the Coronado International Memorial Act of August 18, 1941, in two particulars. It would change the designation of the proposed area from that of an "international" memorial to a "national" memorial. It also amends the 1941 act by striking from that act the proviso which requires that, before the memorial area is established in the United States, a comparable area be first established in Mexico by the Government of Mexico to adjoin the memorial area in the United States.

The Interior Department advises that the Government of Mexico has been unsuccessful in establishing the adjoining memorial principally because of the reluctance of Mexican landowners to sell land to the Government of Mexico for this purpose.

Further detailed information is carried in the favorable report of the Department of the Interior to the chairman of this committee under date of May 23, 1952, which report is hereinbelow set forth in full and made a part of this report.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., May 23, 1952.

Hon. JOSEPH C. O'MAHONEY,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR O'MAHONEY: Your committee has requested a report on S. 2909, to amend the act entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of the Coronado International Memorial, in the State of Arizona," approved August 18, 1941 (55 Stat. 630).

We recommend the enactment of this proposed legislation.

This bill would amend the Coronado International Memorial Act of August 18, 1941, in two particulars. It would change the designation of the proposed area from that of an "international" memorial to a "national" memorial. It would also amend the 1941 act by striking from that act the proviso which requires that before the memorial area is established in the United States, a comparable area be first established in Mexico by the Government of Mexico to adjoin the memorial area in the United States.

Although it has shown much interest in the proposed Coronado International Memorial, the Government of Mexico has been unsuccessful thus far in establishing the memorial area on the Mexican side of the border. This has been due to a combination of circumstances. The intervening war years have necessarily retarded progress. However, the unwillingness of the owners of the Mexican lands to break up their holdings and to turn a portion of their lands over to the Mexican Government for purposes of the international memorial has been a major factor in preventing establishment of the Mexican area. We are convinced, nevertheless, that if the proposed Coronado National Memorial is established in this country, the Government of Mexico will eventually find a way to establish a comparable area in Mexico. When this is done, it will, of course, have an important significance in promoting our relations with Mexico. In the meantime, we strongly feel that the American area should be established as promptly as possible. All of the lands within the authorized area are public lands and are ideally suited to memorial purposes. The high promontory of the area, which is the predominant feature on the American side will serve as a focal point overlooking the valleys which Coronado traversed in entering what is now the United States. This area, for years, has been a retreat and place of study for students, scientists, botanists, ornithologists, writers, artists, and others.

We have been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that there is no objection to the submission of this report to your committee.

Sincerely yours,

OSCAR L. CHAPMAN,
Secretary of the Interior.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, D. C., May 13, 1952.

Hon. JOSEPH C. O'MAHONEY,
Chairman, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This will acknowledge your letter of March 25, 1952, requesting the Bureau of the Budget to report on S. 2909, to amend the act entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of the Coronado International Memorial, in the State of Arizona," approved August 18, 1941 (55 Stat. 630).

This bill would amend the act of August 18, 1941, authorizing the Coronado International Memorial, first by changing the designation of the memorial from "international" to "national" and second by eliminating the provision requiring that a comparable adjoining area in Mexico be established before the memorial is established in the United States. The Department of the Interior advises in its proposed report on this bill that the Government of Mexico has been unsuccessful in establishing the adjoining memorial principally because of the reluctance of Mexican landowners to sell land to the Government of Mexico for this purpose.

This office would have no objection to the enactment of this measure.

Sincerely yours,

ELMER B. STAATS,
Assistant Director.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection (4) of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill (S. 2909) as reported, are shown as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

ACT OF AUGUST 18, 1941 (55 STAT. 630), CHAPTER 365

AN ACT To provide for the establishment of the Coronado International Memorial, in the State of Arizona

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of permanently commemorating the explorations of Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, the President of the United States is authorized to declare, by proclamation, any lands within the following-described area, subject to all valid existing rights, to be established as the [“Coronado International Memorial”:] *“Coronado National Memorial”:*

Gila and Salt River meridian: Township 24 south, range 20 east, section 10, south half southwest quarter, south half southeast quarter; section 11, south half southwest quarter; section 13, southwest quarter northwest quarter, south half; section 14, northwest quarter, south half, northwest quarter northeast quarter, south half northeast quarter; section 15, all; section 22, all; section 23, all; section 24, all; township 24 south, range 21 east, section 17, south half southwest quarter; section 18, southwest quarter, south half southeast quarter; section 19, all; section 20, lots 3 and 4; aggregating approximately two thousand eight hundred and eighty acres: [*Provided,* That said proclamation shall not be issued until the President of the United States shall have been advised through official channels that the Government of Mexico has established, or provided for the establishment of, an area of similar type and size adjoining the area described herein.]

SEC. 2. The National Park Service, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, shall promote and regulate the use of the [Coronado International Memorial] *Coronado National Memorial* for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the United States. * * *

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